To whom it may concern:

This written testimony (submitted on my behalf by the Connecticut Carry organization) is to express my concerns over several proposed bills in the state of Connecticut. I oppose to the following proposed legislation:

SB 506 - An act requiring criminal background checks for all private firearm sales.

SB 897 - An act concerning regulation of firearms.

<u>SB 1071</u> - An act concerning additional funding for the criminal injuries compensation fund.

SB 1076 - An act concerning the reduction of gun violence.

<u>HB 6162</u> - An act concerning ineligibility for a permit to carry a pistol or revolver or an eligibility certificate based on a prior hospitalization.

<u>HB 6251</u> - An act requiring fingerprinting and criminal background checks prior to the sale, delivery or transfer of all long guns.

HB 6595 - An act prohibiting the discharge of firearms near private residences.

HB 6598 - An act concerning public protection.

The proposed legislation was drafted with little thought and because of this; it will not even begin to address the root cause of gun violence. It also attacks the constitutional rights of tens of thousands of law-abiding citizens in this state.

I do enjoy living in this state, however I cannot reside somewhere that restricts my ability to protect my family and myself.

Best regards,

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